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Medical Officer of Health's Department.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Brampton and Walton District for the year 1925. This is a Survey Report, and is intended to deal with the measure of progress made during the past five years.

Area (acres) 8,999 (43 acres water).

Population (estimated to middle of 1925)—2,370. (Census, 1921—2.316),

Number of Inhabited Houses—536. (Census, 1921—515).

Number of Families of Separate Occupiers—536.

Rateable Value—£18,449.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate—District Rate. £44 10s.; Brampton Parish, £31 9s. 10d.; Walton Parish, £7 11s. 11d.

The district is mainly agricultural and residential, and is becoming still more of a residential area.

During the past five years, the majority of the houses built in the district are owned by those whose work is outside the district, and there is distinct evidence that the district is becoming popular as a residential area. Motor 'bus services connect the various parts of the district with the Borough of Chesterfield.

This fact, coupled with the advantage of living in the open country amongst pleasant surroundings, has, and will tend to increase the popularity of the area as a residential one. Building sites are available in almost any part of the district, and electricity, water and drainage are also available in a good proportion of the district.

Vital Statistics.

During the year there were 22 deaths in the district. To this must be added transferable deaths, that is, deaths of residents in the district which occurred outside the district, the total number of deaths being 29, making a death rate of 13.3.

Of these deaths, there was :—

1 under one year of age
1 between 1 and 2 years of age
2 between 20 and 30 years of age
1 between 30 and 40 years of age
5 between 40 and 50 years of age
4 between 50 and 60 years of age
8 between 70 and 80 years of age
7 between 80 and 90 years of age.

The number of births registered during the year was 43—23 boys and 20 girls—making a birth rate for the year of 19.3.

The infantile death rate (per 1000 births) equals 23.2.

The amount of Poor Law Relief paid to inhabitants of the district during the year ended March, 1925, was £280 15s. 3d.

The Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital serves the district.

General Provision of Health Services.

Hospitals :—

1.—Tuberculosis—Walton Sanatorium. Authority—County Council.

2.—Maternity—Chesterfield Borough Maternity Home. (A certain number of beds reserved for County Council.)

3.—Children—

4.—Fever—Penmore Hospital. Authority—Chesterfield Joint Hospital Committee.

5.—Small Pox—Spital Hospital. Authority—Chesterfield Joint Hospital Committee.

Ambulance Facilities :—

(*a*) For infectious cases, ambulance provided by Joint Hospital Committee.

(*b*) Non-infectious and accident—the Chesterfield Borough Ambulance is available.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

The County Council Clinic, Brimington Road, Chesterfield; also the Tuberculosis Dispensary at the same address. The County Council also provide a Venereal Disease Clinic at the Chesterfield Royal Hospital.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health (part time)—Dr. R. A. McCrea.

Sanitary Inspector (part time)—Mr. W. J. Nicholls.

Professional Nursing in the Home.—There is no Nursing Association in the district. In the case of a severe epidemic, the Council authorise the employment of a nurse on the advice of the Medical Officer.

Midwives.—There are no midwives resident in the area, but there are five who live in Chesterfield and practice in the area.

Water.

The water supply of the district is adequate, and is supplied by the Water Department of the Chesterfield Corporation. Since the works in progress last year have been completed there has been much less disturbance of the water in the mains, and as a consequence the quality of the water has been good. Sixty per cent. of the houses in the district derive their water supply from the public supply.

Drainage and Sewage Sanitary Condition.

There are two Sewage Farms, one at Cutthorpe and one at Holymoorside. With the conversions from privy middens to water closets, and the new houses which have been, and are in course of erection, it will be necessary to ensure that the sewage farms will adequately deal with the increased amount of sewage.

Some progress has been made with conversions, but the rate of progress should be increased. Four conversions were carried out during the year with an additional water closet where formerly one privy served two houses. When we get the villages of Cutthorpe and Holymoorside completely rid of privy middens, the scavenging of these districts will be a comparatively simple matter when there are only ash bins to attend to.

The sewer from Dog Hole Lane is in course of construction, and when completed, every house in that area should be connected up to this sewer and totally abolish privy middens in that part of the district.

The scavenging of the district has been carried out by the Council's workmen satisfactorily.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

I am pleased to report that there is evidence of an improvement in the cowsheds of the district. Some have been renovated, and lime-washing has been carried out satisfactorily. The distribution of the milk has also improved, and there are quite a number of smart, clean milk-carts. The milk-cans have also received more attention, and those engaged in the handling of the milk are paying more attention to the necessity of scrupulous cleanliness. There is growing in the district amongst farmers a keen desire to improve the milk production in every direction. This is a spirit which should be fostered, and the younger generation should be encouraged to learn how to apply scientific methods in this direction. I think that the formation of a branch of the "Young Farmers' Club" in the district would be a practical effort in helping forward this end.

Housing.

During the year eight new houses have been erected, all of which have water supply, water closets and baths. All are of the subsidy type.

1.—Unfit Dwelling Houses (Inspection) :—

(1) Number of houses inspected	8
(2) Number of houses inspected and recorded under Housing Regulation, 1910	8
(3) Number unfit for habitation	0
(4) Number found requiring repairs	6

2.—Remedy of defects without formal notice 6

3.—Action under Statutory Powers 0

Inspection and Supervison of Food.

There are five slaughter-houses on the register, and the Inspector has made 89 visits to these. The Inspector has also made frequent visits during the slaughtering, and two carcases have been condemned during the year. Action was taken for non-notification of slaughtering under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924. A fine was imposed by the magistrates.

Number of Private Slaughterhouses.

	1920.	Jan., 1925	Dec., 1925
Registered	4	4	5

Infectious Diseases.

Two cases of Tuberculosis were notified, one pulmonary and one "other forms." Nine cases of scarlet fever were notified, four of which were removed to Penmore Hospital. One case of ophthalmia neonahoreun was notified.

Bacteriological and pathological specimens are examined at the County Laboratory at Derby. The examinations for the year are as follows :—

	Positive	Negative
Enteric Fever	—	—
Diphtheria	—	5
Phthisis	5	8
Miscellaneous	—	5
	5	18

Tuberculosis cases have been visited by the Health Nurses. These cases have treatment at the County Council Tuberculosis Clinic.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

The County Council Nurse made 46 visits to the homes under the Notification of Births Act.

Schools.

The four schools in the district have been inspected during the year. The sanitary condition of each school is very good. During the year as School Medical Officer, I made the usual medical inspection of the children.

Appended to this Report is the Report of your Inspector.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

R. A. McCREA.

Report of Inspector of Nuisances.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for 1925.

Houses.

There has been 8 new houses certified during the year, all of which are fitted with baths and water closets, and being of the subsidy class. This brings the estimated number to 536.

Milk.

Registered milk sellers number 70, this being an increase of three. One new cowshed has been erected, and another one has been thoroughly renovated and brought into good condition. Limewashing generally has been satisfactorily done.

Scavenging.

Scavenging has again been carried out by our own men in a satisfactory manner.

Inspections Made.

The following is a summary of inspections made.—

Slaughter-houses	89
Cowsheds	127
Workshops	3
Schools	4
Disinfections	12
Scavenging	137
Works in course of progress ...	27
Other Inspections	19
	419

Report of Sanitary Inspector.

Name of Inspector—W. J. NICHOLLS.

Area of District (acres) 8,999

Estimated Number of Houses 536

HOUSING and TOWN PLANNING—

Number of Houses inspected under Section 17	8
Number Unfit for Habitation	0
Closing Orders made	0
Number Repaired without Closing Order or Notice served	6
Number demolished	0

No scheme has been prepared.

DRAINAGE—

	Number of Informal Notices served by Sanitary Inspector	Number of Legal Notices served by Local Authority	Number of Nuisances abated with or without Notice
Drains Obstructed	4	—	4
Conversion of Privies into W.C.'s ...	4	1 for 2 h'ses.	4
Provision of Additional Water Closets	—	1	—
Dirty Closets (an additional water closet to privy put in voluntarily)	—	—	1
Roofs, Eaves-spouts & Down-spouts	16	1 for 2 h'ses.	16
Dampness	2	—	2
Offensive Accumulations	1	—	1
Animals improperly kept (birds in bedroom)	1	—	1
Nuisances not specified above (Sumps overflowing)	2	—	2
Totals ...	30	—	31

	Number on Register	Inspections made	Informal Notices served	Nuisances Abated with or without Notice
Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops	70	127	—	2
Slaughter-houses	5	89	1	1
Totals ...	75	216	1	1

Infected Rooms Disinfected—12

Method—Formaldehyde.

Other action taken in infectious cases—Disinfectants and Instructions supplied.

Signed,

W. J. NICHOLLS.